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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire has received the top honor in Business NH Magazine's first-ever Lean and Green Awards, the magazine announced today in its March issue.

UNH led the winners with the Overall Judges Award, which recognizes the school's extensive sustainable practices, from its cogeneration plant and reuse of purified landfill gas to power the Durham campus to transitioning its extensive public transit system to alternative fuels.

"This Lean and Green Award further recognizes that sustainability is one of UNH's core identities and strengths," says UNH President Mark W. Huddleston. "I'm proud of our motivated and engaged faculty, staff, and students who work together in new and innovative ways to advance this common goal."

UNH chief sustainability officer Tom Kelly added, "UNH has always recognized higher education's unique role in promoting sustainability. By shining a spotlight on our efforts to incorporate sustainability into everything we do, I hope this 'Lean and Green' award will help extend our educational and research advancements throughout the state and the region."

Judges for the competition, which drew entries from around the state and from a wide range of industries, were Thomas Burack, commissioner of the N.H. Department of Environmental Services; Margaret Dillon, a board member of the N.H. Sustainable Energy Association and president of S.E.E.D.S., Sustainable Energy Education & Demonstration Services; and Ami D'Amelio, a board member of N.H. Businesses for Social Responsibility.

Other winners are Abigail's Bakery in Weare, Bruss Construction in Bradford, Wire Belt Company of America in Londonderry, and Monadnock Paper Mills in Bennington (Green Processing awards); New Hampshire Audobon's McLane Center in Concord (Green Building award); and the BioVu line of inks produced by EFI VUTEK in Meredith (Green Product or Service).

UNH, home of the nation's first endowed office of sustainability in higher education, is a leader in conserving energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and integrating sustainability throughout its curricula, operations, research, and engagement efforts. Committed to being a climate protection campus that pursues a sustainable energy future through emissions reduction policies, practices, research, and education, UNH has earned several awards for its

sustainability initiatives, which range from composting and supporting local, sustainable agriculture to using compressed natural gas- and biodiesel-powered vehicles and being the first in the nation to receive an EPA Energy Star building rating for residence halls. Discover the sustainable learning community at UNH at www.sustainableunh.unh.edu.

Huddleston, Kelly and leaders from winning companies will share their best practices at the Lean and Green luncheon to be held Mar. 25 at the Radisson Hotel, Center of NH in Manchester. To register for the event or to order a copy of the March issue of Business NH Magazine, call 603-626-6354.

